

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 692

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Gabrielle Thompson,
2018 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Gabrielle Thompson, who was recently recognized as a member of the 2018 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, presented by the Tennessee chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Tennessee chapter selects thirty individuals for Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, which recognizes business professionals throughout Middle Tennessee for their leadership qualities, volunteerism, and business endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson is the Executive Director and CEO of Free for Life International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the identification, assistance, and restoration of human trafficking victims and survivors; she also serves as an adjunct professor in the Department of Global Studies at Middle Tennessee State University, where she teaches Special Topics in Human Rights: Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle Thompson is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, where she earned a master's degree in international affairs with a focus on international gender development; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to raising awareness about human trafficking in the Nashville community, Ms. Thompson has spoken to groups at the Sertoma Club, Rotary Club, and Junior League of Nashville, as well as at Vanderbilt University, Tennessee State University,

Middle Tennessee State University, and Nashville State Community College; she has also given presentations across the United States and in Mexico, India, Nepal, and the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the individuals of the 2018 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Gabrielle Thompson on being named a member of the 2018 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 by the Tennessee chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.